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## Zegrus Says Police Stole Design of A-Rocket Engine

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Japanese police stole from me an atomic invention worth millions of dollars, which you prove if you will bring an atomic expert here," says Harryman John Allen Kucher, Zegrus charged in Tokyo District Court yesterday.

He described it as a new rocket engine with atomic fuel invention.

It was one of the engineers who worked on it, he stated.

At the time he was cross-examining Kim Shu Bon, a 30-year-old Korean woman who testified she and Mr. Zegrus were married in Seoul in 1950. He asked her whether police produced a search warrant before taking several articles from their rented room following his arrest. She answered

that they did not, showing her only a warrant for his arrest. He stated this is a description of the rocket engine powered with atomic fuel. One of the documents police took from his room.

Mr. Zegrus is being tried on charges of entering Japan on a "home-made" Nagoya Habess Kohury, Epri passport and passing phony checks worth for more than \$2,000 (¥720,000).

Testifying yesterday, the Korean woman said she knows of no governmental or political work Mr. Zegrus did other than that he told her he was working for the United Arab Republic embassy in Tokyo and was a member of the United Nations International Civil Aviation Organization.

Mr. Zegrus has variously claimed to be an American Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) agent, U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) man, U.S. Air Force Officer of Special Investigations (OSI) major, U.S. Army Counter Intelligence Corps (CIC) member, a recruiter for the Arab League and Front de Libération Nationale (FLN), Algerian rebels and a pilot of and recruiting officer for the "Honorable" Islamic Mohammedan (HIM) armed forces.

State-appointed defense counsel F. Toyoshima yesterday revealed that he will call no witness in Mr. Zegrus' defense.

Introduced as evidence by the prosecutor yesterday were several signed statements made by the accused to the police and procurators. The statements are contradictory on many important points.

## NHK to Provide Aid to the Poor

On July 1, NHK, Japan's public broadcasting corporation (Nippon Hoso Kyōkai),

will open a new organization, Welfare and Cultural Enterprise Organization, to help assist victims of natural disasters and to the poor.

The decision to establish the new organization was made yesterday during a meeting of NHK authorities.

Chairman of the new organization will be Ichiro Yamauchi, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Daiichi Life Insurance Company. The budget for the first year will be ¥10,000.

## Government to Honor The Late Yamashita

The Government at today's Cabinet meeting decided to award the Order of the Rising Sun, Second Class, to the late Okio Yamashita, former commissioner of the National Personnel Authority, who died Monday.

Mr. Yamashita was also a former director of Hitachi Ltd.

### P.I. Orchestra Here

The Tírso Orfeo Latin-American Orchestra of the Philippines arrived from Manila last night aboard a KLM flight. They will stay in Japan for two months for a series of performances which begin tomorrow night in Yomiuri Hall, Tokyo.

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